
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1861.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

FEBRUARY 27, 1861.

Reported by Mr. PEARCE with amendments, viz: Strike out the words within [brackets,] and insert the parts printed in *italics*.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appro-
4 priated, for the service of the Post Office Department for
5 the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred
6 and sixty-two, out of any moneys in the Treasury arising
7 from the revenues of the said department, in conformity
8 to the act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and
9 thirty-six :

10 For transportation of the mails, (inland,) ten million
11 forty thousand two hundred and eighty-four dollars; *and the*

12 *Postmaster General is hereby directed to re-examine the causes*
 13 *for discontinuance or curtailment of the postal service on inland*
 14 *routes since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and*
 15 *fifty-nine, and to restore all such parts of the said service as*
 16 *can be restored with due regard to the public interest and the*
 17 *circumstances of each case, whether such discontinuance or*
 18 *curtailment was upon contracts yet in force, or has taken*
 19 *effect upon the making of new contracts: And provided,*
 20 *That the restoration or increase of service hereby contem-*
 21 *plated, shall not be made without the consent of the contractor*
 22 *in each case, or in pursuance of his contract: [Provided,*
 23 *This appropriation is hereby made on the condition that*
 24 *the Postmaster General re-examine the causes for discon-*
 25 *tinuance or curtailment of the postal service on inland*
 26 *routes since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and*
 27 *fifty-nine, and to restore all such parts of the said service*
 28 *as can be restored with due regard to the public interest*
 29 *and the circumstances of each case; whether such discontinu-*
 30 *ance or curtailment was upon contracts yet in force, or have*
 31 *taken effect upon the making of new contracts; that the*
 32 *restoration or increase of service hereby contemplated shall,*
 33 *with the consent of the contractor in each, or in pursuance*
 34 *of his contract.]*

35 For compensation to postmasters, two millions seven
 36 hundred thousand dollars: *Provided, That no compensa-*

tion shall be paid to postmasters after the thirtieth of June,
eighteen hundred and sixty-one, for the delivery of free
letters or papers to their recipients, *except to the postmaster
at Washington city, District of Columbia, in pursuance of
the existing law authorizing a special allowance to him for
such service.*

For clerks in the offices of postmasters, one million
forty-five thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars and
twenty-three cents.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand
dollars.

For office furniture for post offices, four thousand dol-
lars.

For advertising, seventy thousand dollars.

For mail bags, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For paper for blanks, sixty thousand dollars.

For printing blanks, twelve thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, twenty thousand
dollars.

For mail depredations and special agents, seventy-five
thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous payments, one hundred and sixty
thousand dollars.

61 For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hun-
62 dred and ten thousand dollars.

63 For payments of balances due to foreign countries, three
64 hundred thousand dollars.

65 For payments to letter-carriers, two hundred and ten
66 thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the third section
2 of the act making provision for the postal service in Cali-
3 fornia, Oregon, and Washington, approved July twenty-
4 seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is
5 hereby, repealed; and that all dead letters which may
6 accumulate in the post offices in said States and Territory,
7 after thirtieth June next, shall be returned to the General
8 Post Office Department, at Washington, under such regula-
9 tions as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if the revenues
2 of the Post Office Deparment shall be insufficient to meet
3 the appropriations of this act, then the sum of five million
4 three hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and
5 fifty dollars and sixty-three cents, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated,
7 to be paid out of any money in the Treasury nor otherwise
8 appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the
9 Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of
10 June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the provisions*
 2 *of the third section of an act entitled "An act amendatory*
 3 *of an act regulating the Post Office Department," approved*
 4 *March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, be, and*
 5 *the same are hereby, applied to all post routes which have*
 6 *been or may hereafter be established in any town or city*
 7 *by the Postmaster General, by virtue of the tenth section of*
 8 *an act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of*
 9 *postage in the United States, and for other purposes," ap-*
 10 *proved February twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-*
 11 *one.*

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That the compensa-*
 2 *tion of the special mail agent of the Post Office Department*
 3 *for the Pacific coast, shall be two thousand five hundred dol-*
 4 *lars per annum ; such rate to take effect in virtue of this pro-*
 5 *vision from the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and*
 6 *sixty-one.*

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted, That the sum of three*
 2 *hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as*
 3 *may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated,*
 4 *out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*
 5 *for carrying the mail from New York, via Panama, to San*
 6 *Francisco, three times a month, from the first day of July,*
 7 *eighteen hundred and sixty, to the first day of July, eighteen*
 8 *hundred and sixty-one.*